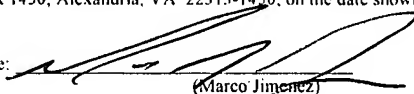


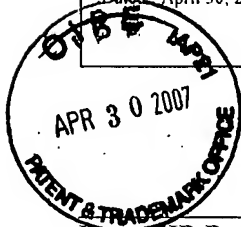
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2006, for which a response was due on February 1, 2007, and for which a three-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from February 1, 2007, to May 1, 2007.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

SPECIFICATION

X There are no amendments to the specification.

CLAIMS

X There are no amendments to the claims.

X A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.